

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A method and mobile terminal are disclosed for use in a wireless communication system, in order to increase security of the mobile terminal when it is lost, stolen, or misplaced by a user. The method includes receiving a guard message at the mobile terminal, authenticating the guard message, locking at least one communication capability of the mobile terminal, and also securing at least some data that is stored in the mobile terminal. Initiation of the method requires inputting a personal identification code at a location separate from the mobile terminal.